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IN THE HEARTS OF MEN?

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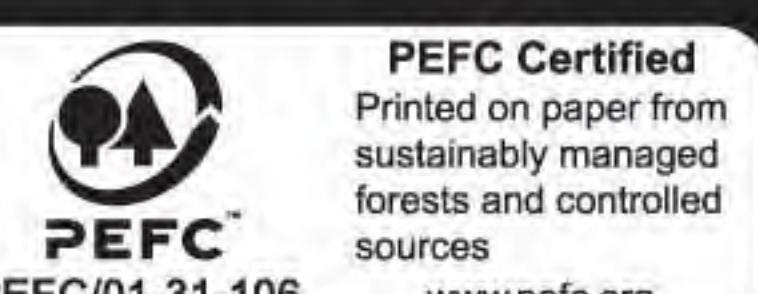
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IT IS **RARE** FOR ME TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION WITHOUT HAVING A **REASONABLE** IDEA OF WHAT LIES AHEAD OF ME.

"BE PREPARED".



THE SLOGAN FOR THE FLEDGLING ORGANIZATION OF **BOY SCOUTS**.



IT COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE BEEN THE **MOTTO** FOR THE **ILLUSIONISTS** OF THE WORLD.



TO BE A GREAT MAGICIAN OR AN ESCAPIST REQUIRES **PRACTICE** AND **PREPARATION**.



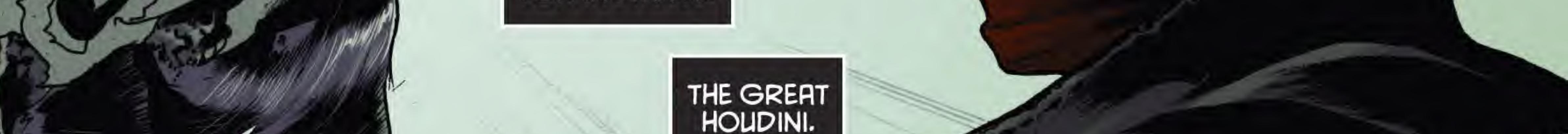
TAKE HARRY, FOR INSTANCE.



THE GREAT HOUDINI.



DURING HIS PERFORMANCES... RIGHT BEFORE HE ENTERED SOME DEATHTRAP...



...HE WOULD STEAL HIS RESOLVE WITH A **KISS** FROM HIS WIFE.



OF COURSE, THIS IS WHEN BESS WOULD PASS A **LOCK PICK** FROM HER MOUTH TO HIS.



NEEDLESS TO SAY,
I WAS NOT FULLY
PREPARED FOR
WHAT I FOUND
HERE TONIGHT.

NEVER BEFORE
HAVE I TRIED TO
CLOUD THE MINDS
OF AN ANIMAL.

THE RESULTS
ARE...NOT
PERFECT.

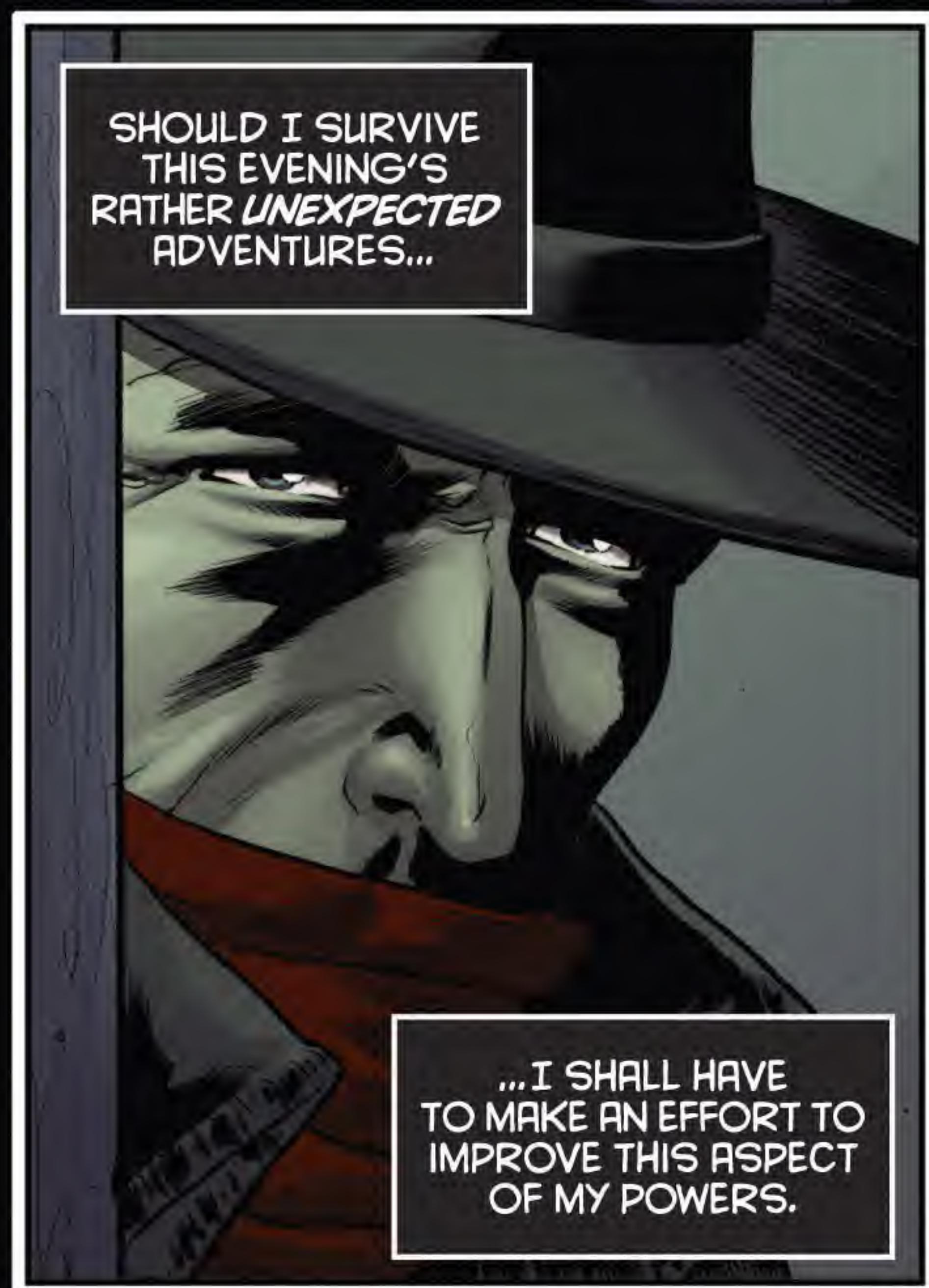


SHOULD I SURVIVE
THIS EVENING'S
RATHER UNEXPECTED
ADVENTURES...

...I SHALL HAVE
TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO
IMPROVE THIS ASPECT
OF MY POWERS.

ALTHOUGH
TONIGHT'S SUBJECTS
SEEM TO HAVE RATHER
DIFFERENT PLANS...

...THAT DON'T
INCLUDE MY
SURVIVAL.





I LOATHE HAVING
TO USE SUCH
LETHAL MEASURES
AGAINST ANIMALS...

...BUT THEY
ARE LEAVING
ME WITH NO
ALTERNATIVES.





THE QUESTION
NOW IS WHETHER
CROWLEY SET ME UP.

WAS HE HOPING THAT
THESE CREATURES
WOULD KILL ME...

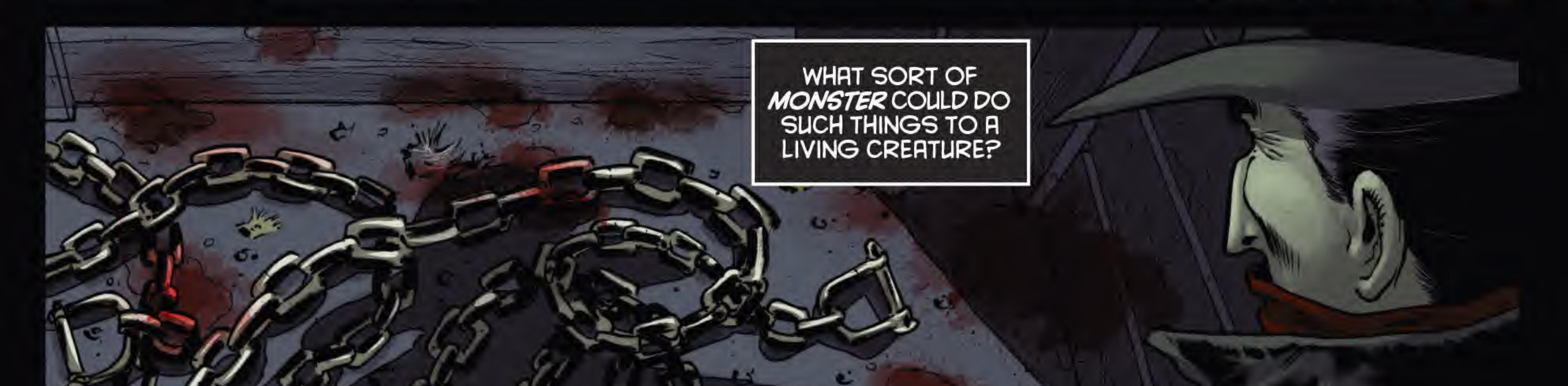


...OR WERE THEY
REPRESENTING
"OTHER" PARTIES?



THE LIVES THESE
BEASTS LED...

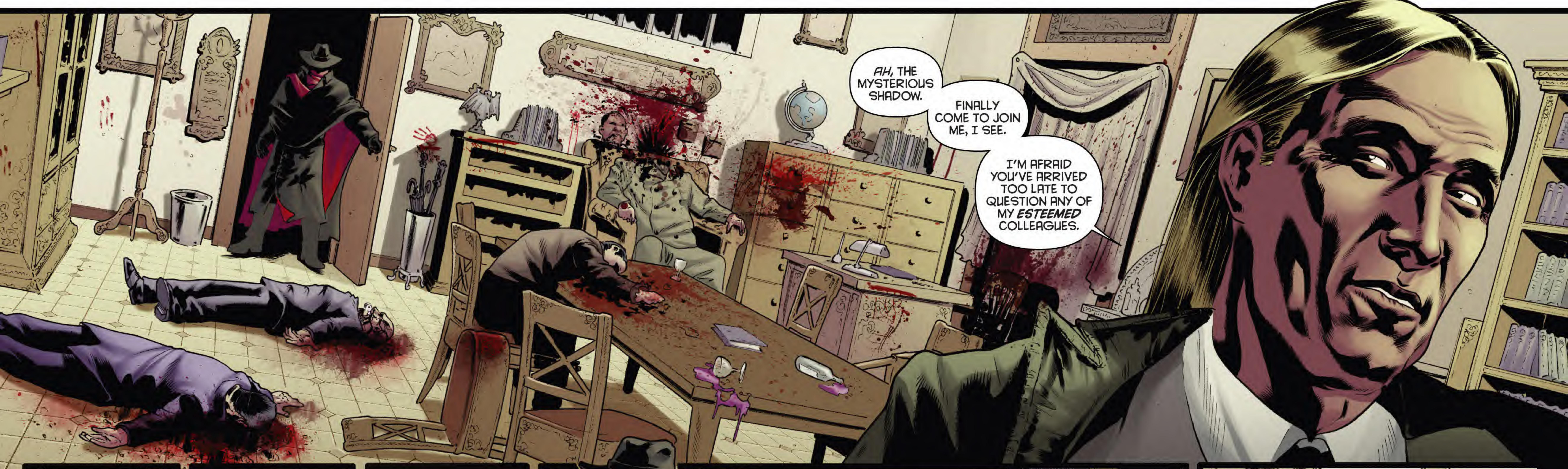
...THE PAIN AND
TORTURE THEY
ENDURED...



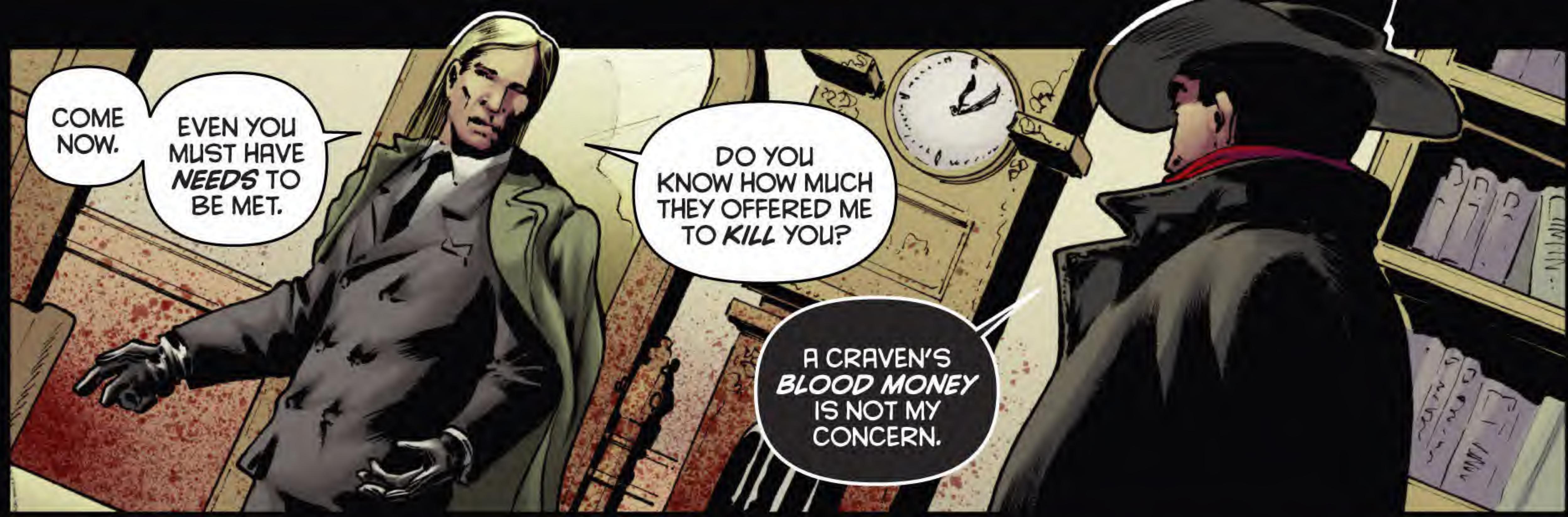
WHAT SORT OF
MONSTER COULD DO
SUCH THINGS TO A
LIVING CREATURE?




LET'S SEE
WHAT FURTHER
SURPRISES
AWAIT ME.









YOU
SEEK TO
USE ME?

NO ONE
PERVERTS
JUSTICE IN
MY NAME!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

JUST LIKE
THE ONES WHO
HIRED HIM...

...THIS
"SANDMAN" USES
SUBTERFUGE AND
TRICKERY.

A TRAP
DOOR...SEALED
TIGHT FROM THE
OTHER SIDE.

I COULD
SHATTER
IT, BUT--

-HURRK-

NITOCRIS...

NITOCRIS?

WHAT
IS THAT? I HAVE
NEVER HEARD
OF IT BEFORE.

A DRUG
OF SOME
SORT? OR A
CHEMICAL?

NOT...
A WHAT.

WHO...

...HARRY...

...HE KNEW...

NITOCRIS.

A NAME THAT
WARRANTS FURTHER
INVESTIGATION.

I WONDER IF THE
SANDMAN HEARD
ANY OF THAT.

NO DOUBT
I HAVE NOT SEEN
THE LAST OF HIM.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

AND HE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN THE LAST OF ME.

MR. CRANSTON--IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.

I WAS TOLD THAT YOU WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE A SIZABLE DONATION TO THE ARCHEOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

IT ISN'T OFTEN MONEY COMES IN THE DOOR LOOKING FOR ME.

USUALLY I HAVE TO BEG AND PLEAD FOR FUNDING.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A PATRON OF THE ARTS AND EDUCATION, PROFESSOR TIBBERT.



IT IS WHAT MAKES US A CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

I BELIEVE THAT THOSE WITH THE MEANS SHOULD ALWAYS CONTRIBUTE TO THOSE WITHOUT IT.



A PLEASURE TO HEAR IT.

SO HOW CAN I HELP YOU TODAY? OTHER THAN BY ACCEPTING YOUR MONEY, OF COURSE.

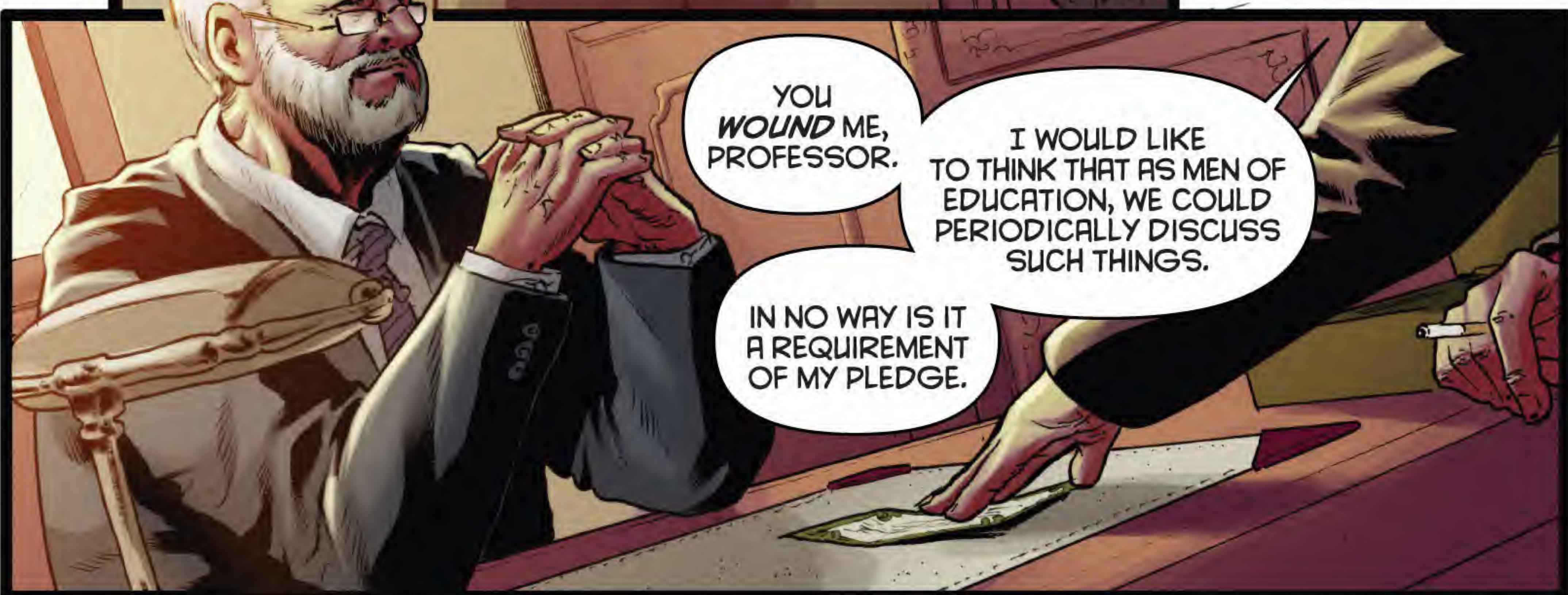
IN MY EXPERIENCE, SUCH GESTURES ALWAYS COME WITH A REQUEST.

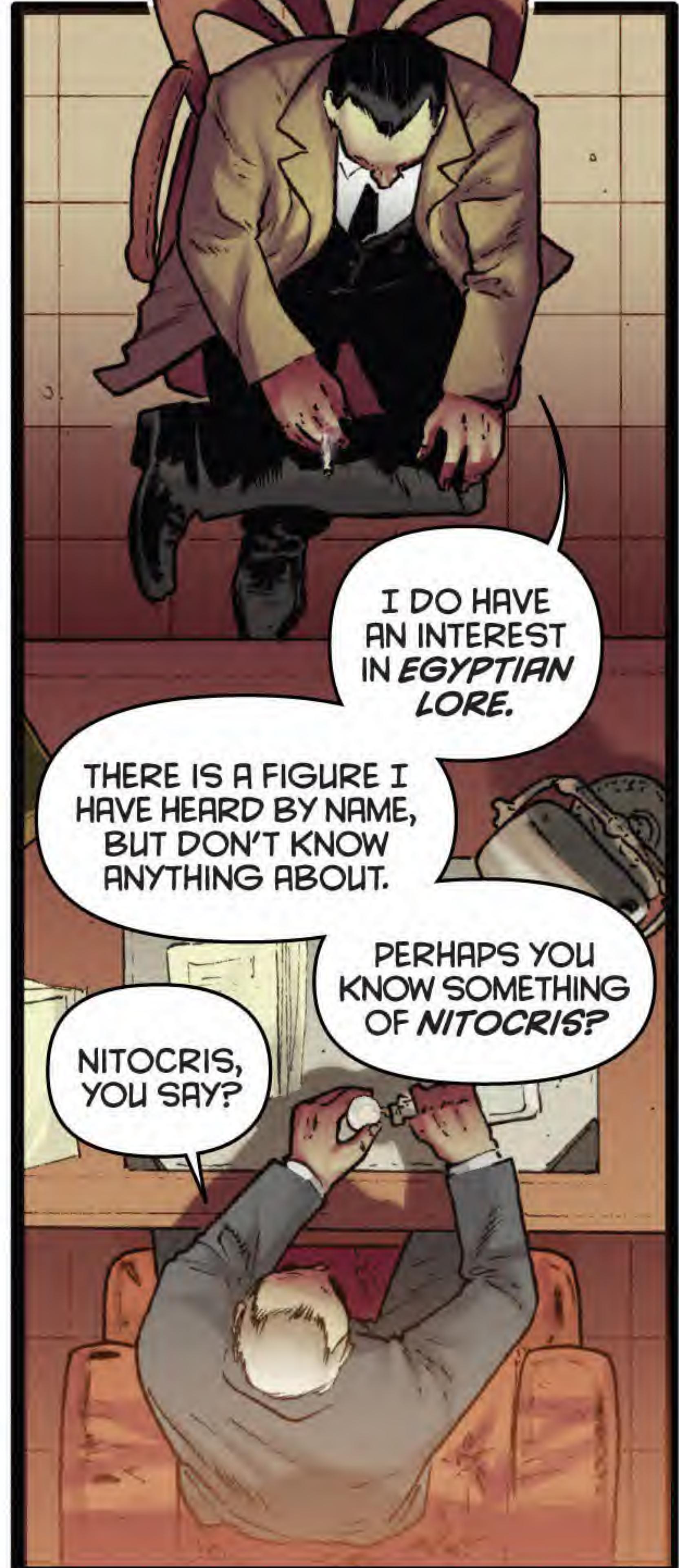
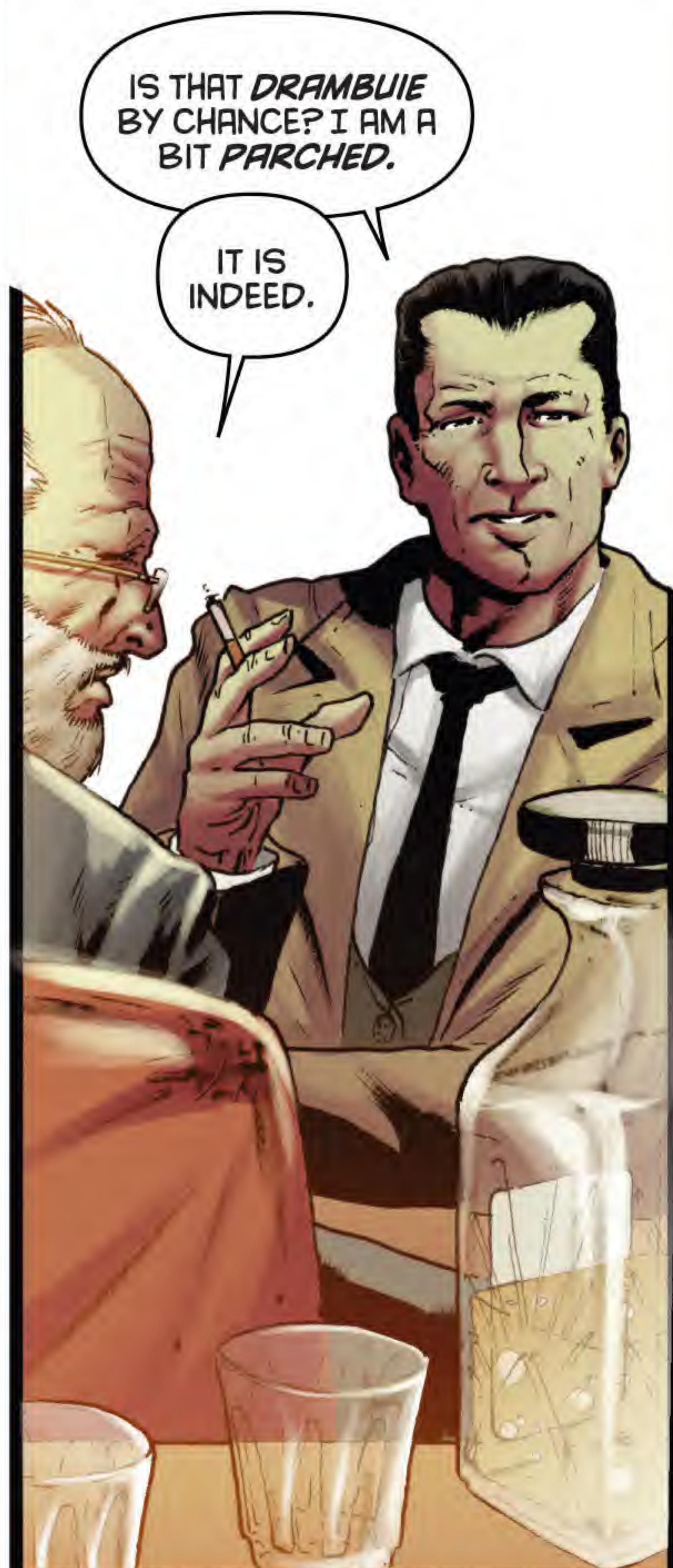


YOU WOUND ME, PROFESSOR.

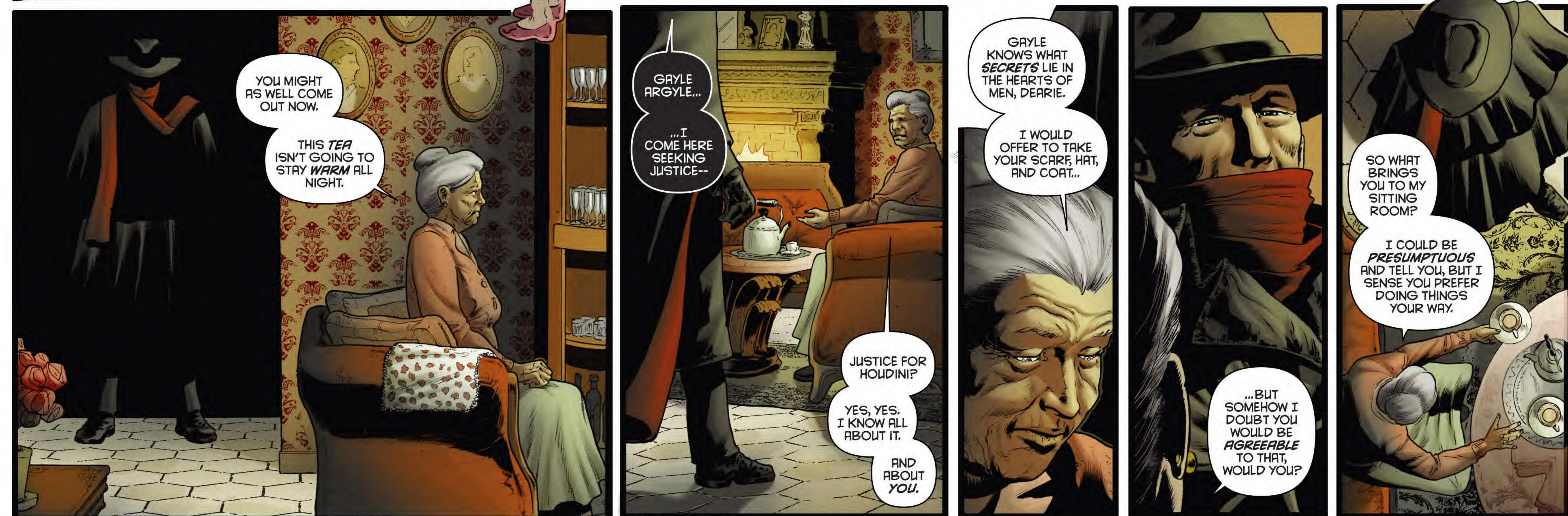
I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT AS MEN OF EDUCATION, WE COULD PERIODICALLY DISCUSS SUCH THINGS.

IN NO WAY IS IT A REQUIREMENT OF MY PLEDGE.



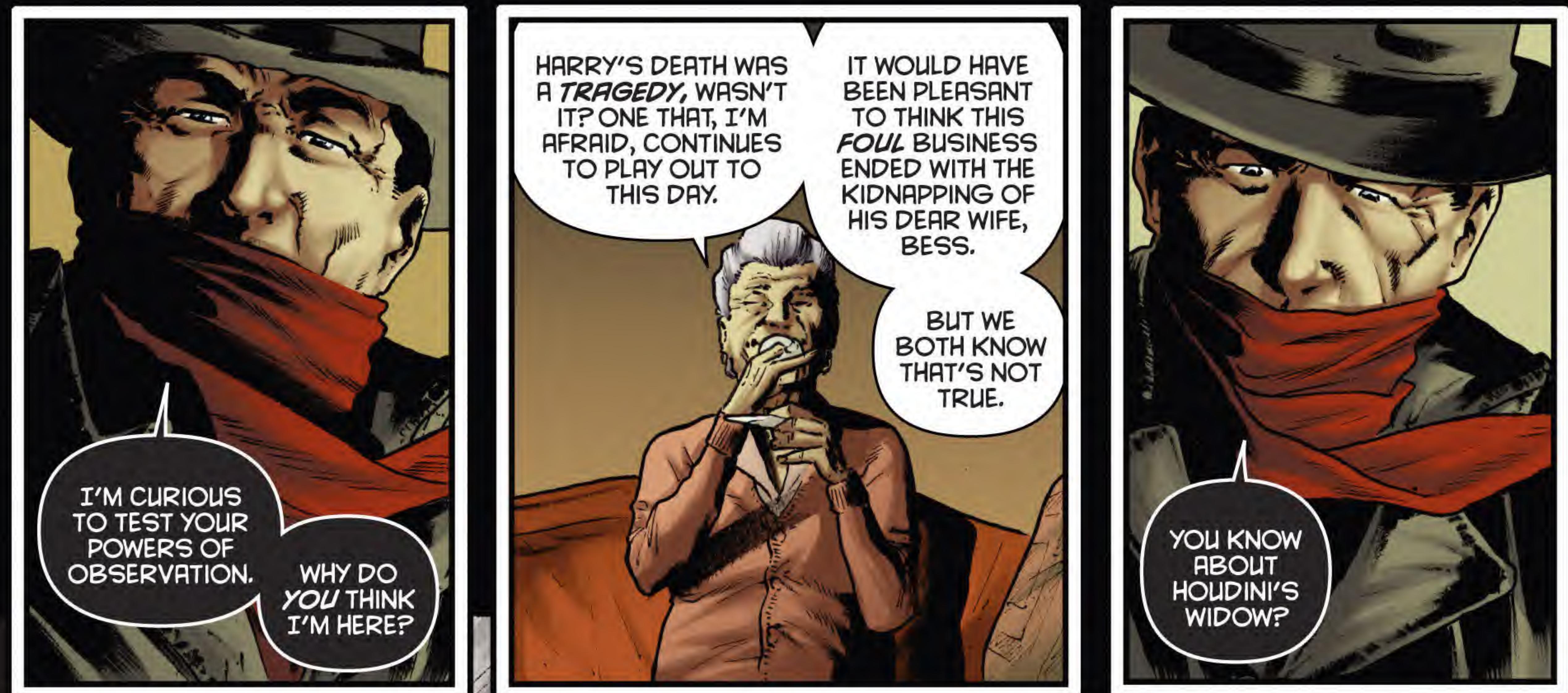


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IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE RUMORS OF YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITIES ARE TRUE.





"IN THOSE DAYS,
I CLAIMED TO BE
THE REINCARNATED
NITOCRIS..."

"...QUEEN OF EGYPT..."

"...QUEEN OF
ESOTERIC MYSTERY."

I IMAGINE IT IS
THAT NAME THAT
BROUGHT YOU
HERE, YES?

MANY OF MY
COLLEAGUES... AND
ALL OF MY ENEMIES...
STILL CALL ME BY
THAT NAME.

IN THOSE
DAYS, HARRY
AND I WERE
RIVALS.

HIS WORRISOME
HABIT OF DEBUNKING
SPIRITUALISTS
CAUSED ME A BIT OF
EMBARRASSMENT.

BUT WE
RESPECTED
EACH OTHER.

I LIKE
TO THINK IT WAS
THAT RESPECT
TO HARRY'S USE
OF NITOCRIS IN
HIS STORY.

"ENTOMBED
WITH THE
PHARAOHS."

IT WAS
GHOSTWRITTEN, OF
COURSE, BY A FELLOW
BY THE NAME OF
LOVECRAFT.

BUT HARRY'S
INFLUENCE... AND
MINE... IS CLEAR.

I AM HERE TO
UNCOVER WHY SOMEONE...

...YOURSELF OR
YOUR ALLIES...

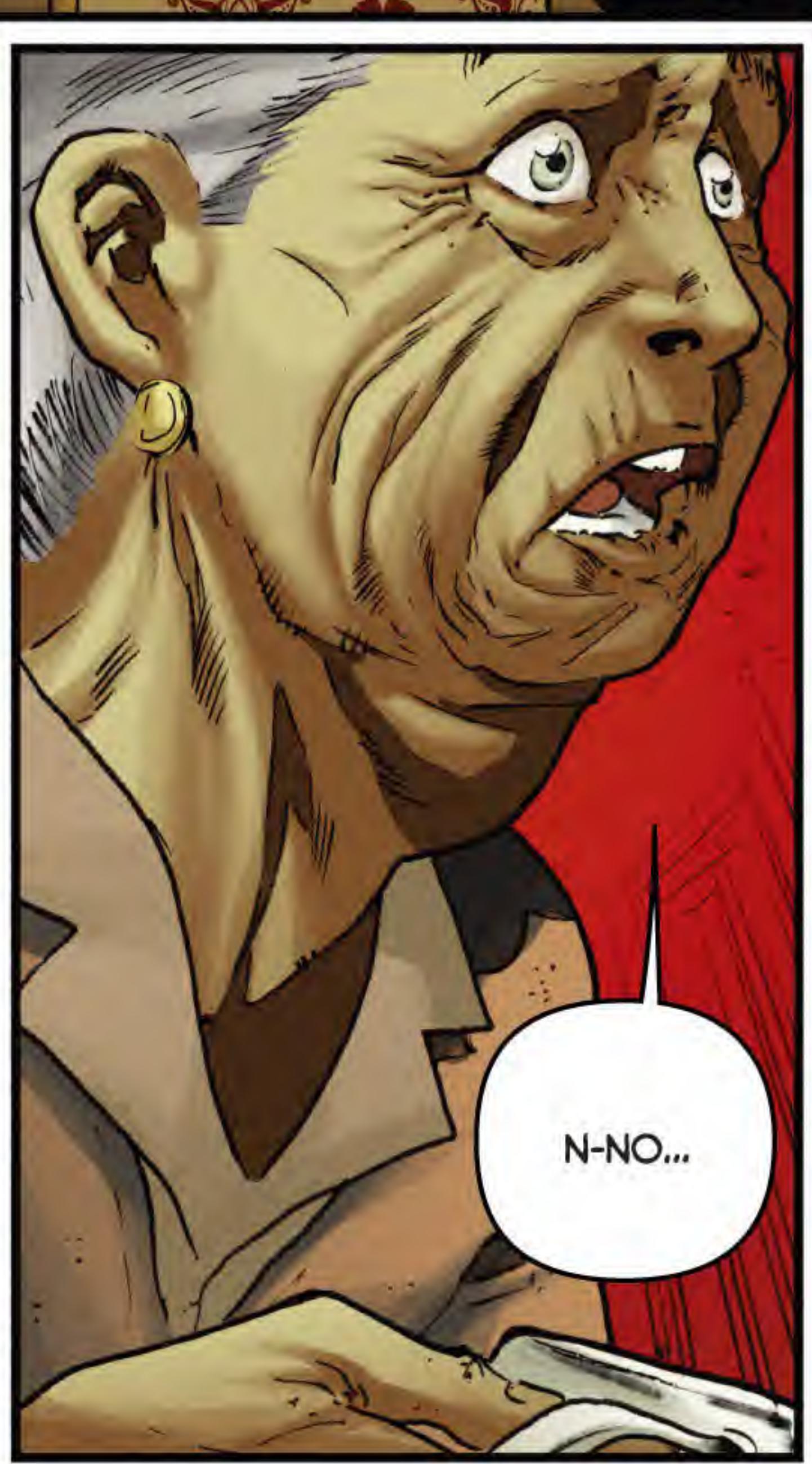
...WOULD
TARGET OTHER
MAGICIANS AND
SPIRITUALISTS
FOR DEATH.

I HAVE NO
INTEREST IN A
LITERATURE
LESSON.

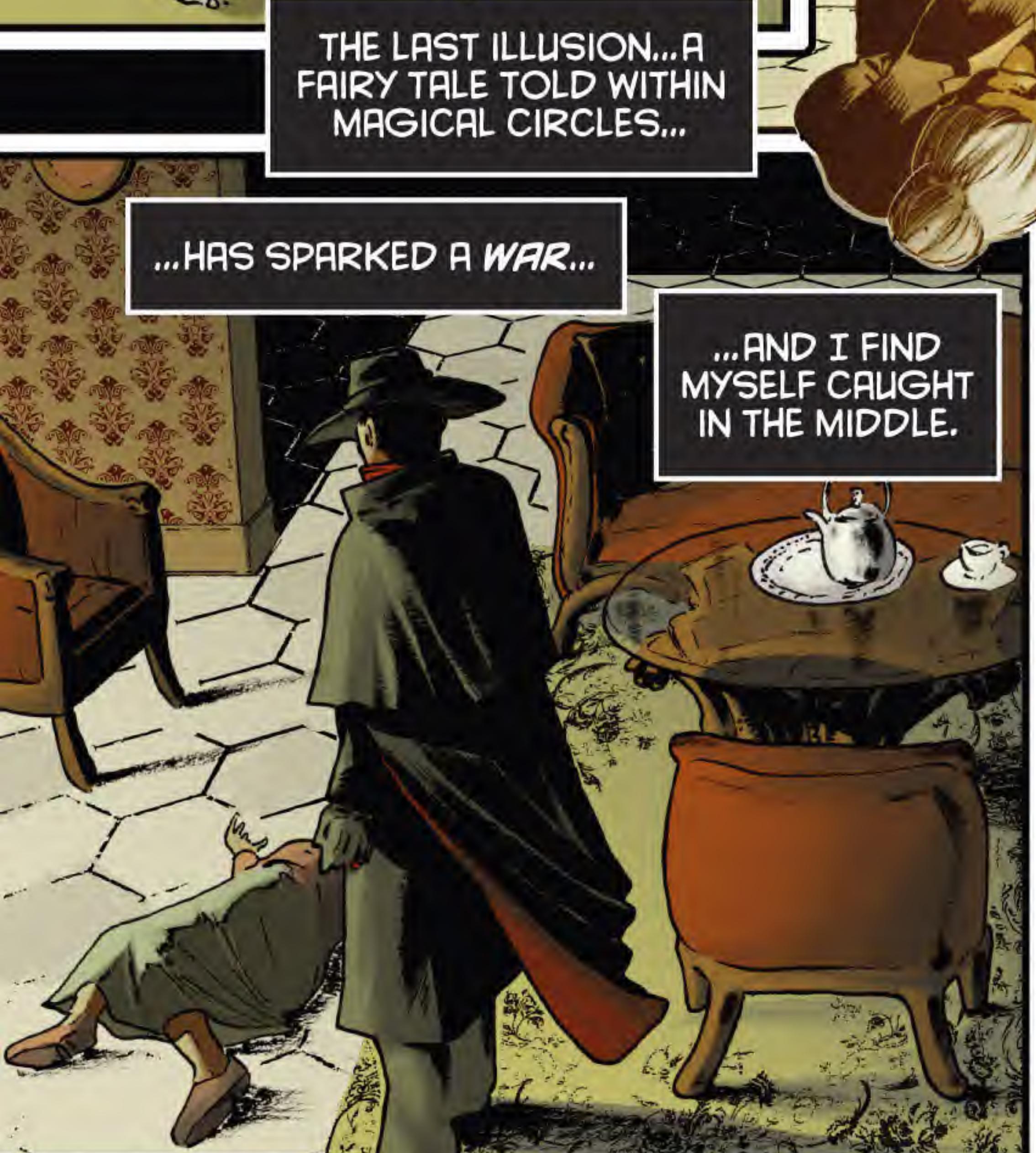
NO?

BUT WITHIN
MY LESSON IS THE
TRUE REASON THE
SOCIETY MUST BE
STOPPED.

ENOUGH!







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The secrets of the Last Illusion become intertwined with the work of writer H.P. Lovecraft. What warning did Lovecraft try to pass on to Houdini before his death? Will the shocking revelation of these secrets help the Shadow... or destroy him?

DYNAMITE IN THE NEWS

NEW LAUNCHES FOR DECEMBER 2015:

THE PRECINCT #1 By Frank J. Barbiero and Crizam Zamora

In the sprawling, steampunk metropolis of the big city, it's up to one group to keep the peace and uphold the law: the officers of The Precinct! Mortimer Hill is a veteran officer who has busted his fair share of criminals, but when mechanical monsters start causing trouble, he'll need to use all his wits (and brawn) to get to the heart of the mystery. Along with his new partner, a representative from the enigmatic Alchemy Academy, Mort will face the biggest case of his career... and the most dangerous!

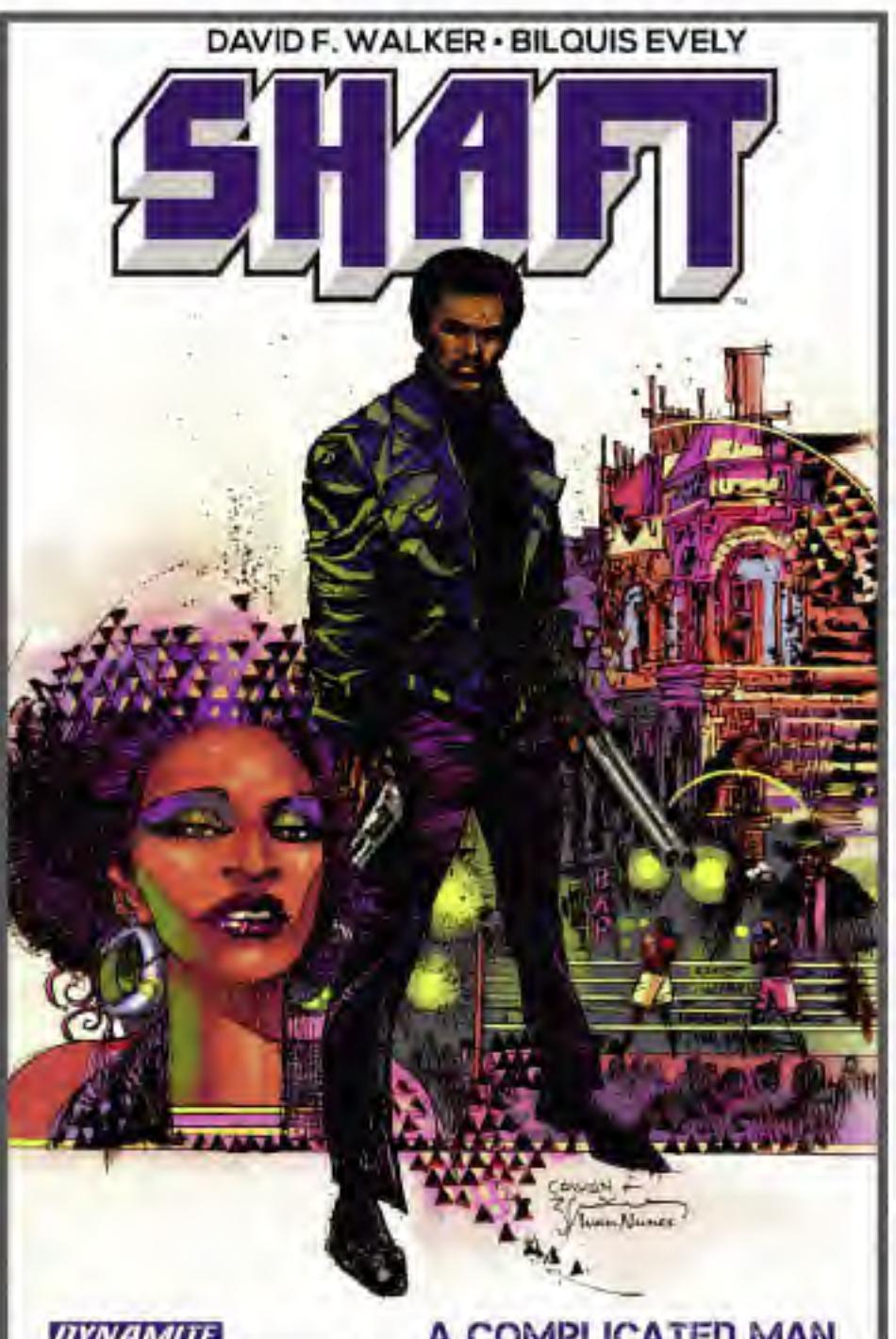
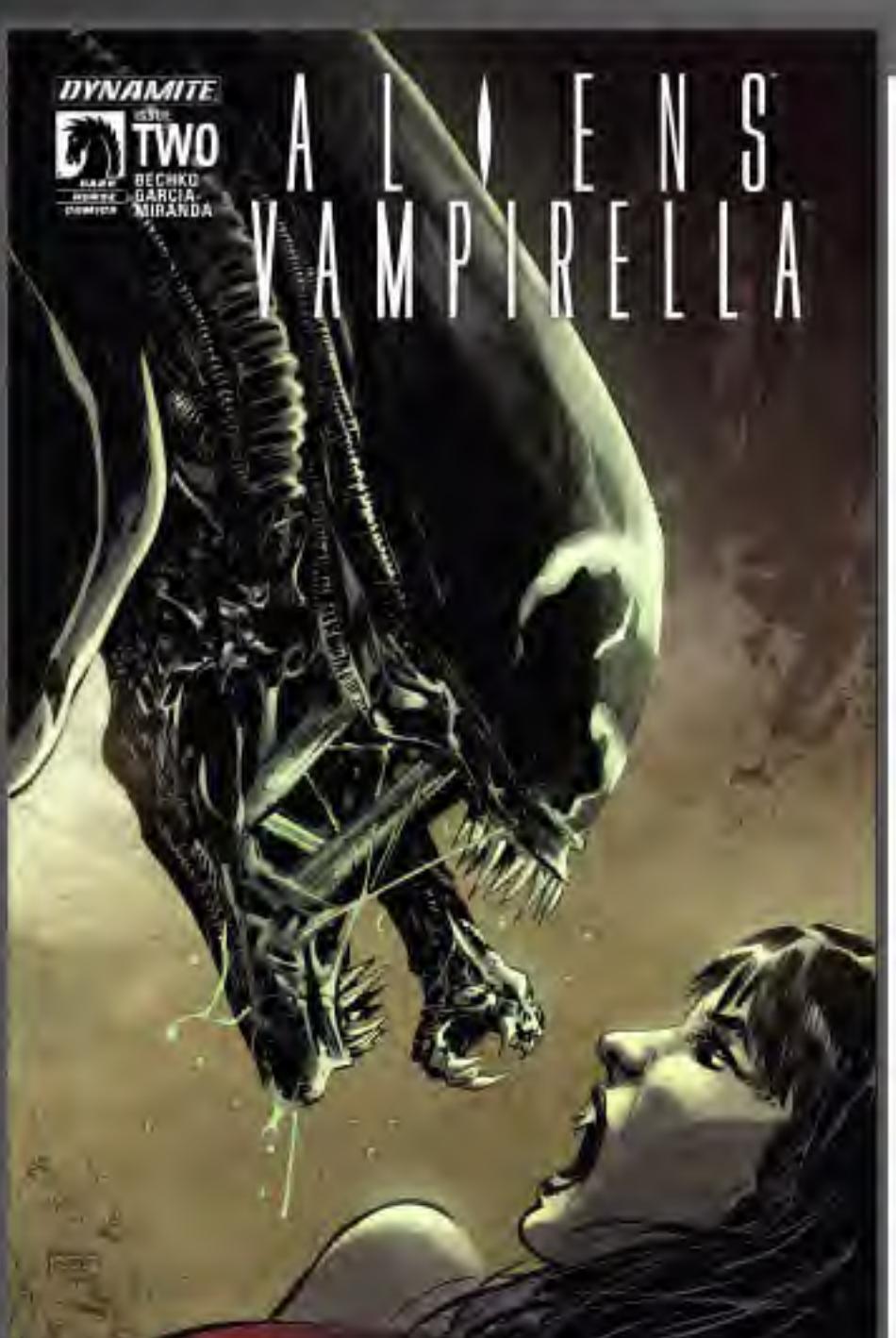
SEDUCTION OF THE INNOCENT #1 By Ande Parks and Esteve Polls

San Francisco, 1953. FBI Agent Thomas Jennings has just arrived in the city, fresh-faced and ready to tackle crime in the big city... he thinks. In fact, Jennings is not nearly prepared for what he's about to encounter. The city's crime lords are being systematically murdered, and the killers waiting to fill the void are the pure stuff of Jennings' nightmares. Jennings will be forced to question every belief he holds dear to protect his wife and unborn child from the madness. Gritty, sometimes depraved, crime fiction in the tradition of James Elroy, Jim Thompson and EC-era crime and horror comics from the team that brought you The Death of Zorro and The Lone Ranger.

DOC SAVAGE: THE SPIDER'S WEB #1 By Chris Roberson and Cezar Razek

While responding to a devastating earthquake in South America, Doc Savage and company discover that not only was the disaster far from natural, but that it seems to be linked to a menace that Doc faced many years before. As he begins to investigate, Doc discovers that a number of closed cases that he had considered to be isolated threats were in fact part of a larger web that he never suspected before now.

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